## TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE



"GATEWAY TO THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

## **Don't Flush This**

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the town sewer system.

Many materials frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to town sewers as well as the town sewer system. Every property owner connected to the town sewer system can be a potential contributor to sewer problems, and a potential victim of those problems.

Putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in your home, and sewer releases to the environment. Anyone who uses the town sewer system should be responsible for what they flush or pour down drains.

Basically, the only things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't. Here is a list of some things to keep out of the toilet.

disposable diapers
tampons and tampon applicators
sanitary napkins
cotton balls and swabs
mini or maxi pads
condoms
cleaning wipes of any kind
facial tissue
bandages and bandage wrappings
automotive fluids
paint, solvents, sealants and thinners
poisons and hazardous waste